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ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TREASURER, SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE  
POOR, ASSESSORS,  
ELECTRIC LIGHT COMMISSIONERS  
AND THE  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
OF THE

Town of Southwick



For the Year Ending December 31, 1924

KENWOOD PRINTING CO., WESTFIELD, MASS.





# RULES AND REGULATIONS

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## FOR THE BETTER MAINTAINING OF ORDER IN TOWN MEETING

1. The Moderator shall preserve decorum and order; may speak to points of order in preference to others; and shall decide all questions of order.
2. When any voter shall require a question to be determined by yeas and nays, the Moderator shall take the sense of the meeting in that manner, provided one-third of the voters present are in favor of it.
3. He shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sums and longest time shall be first.
4. When a question is under debate the Moderator shall receive no question but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to an hour certain, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.
5. When two or more happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who is to speak first.
6. No voter shall speak more than three times on one question, without first obtaining leave of the meeting, nor more than twice until others who have not spoken, shall speak, if they desire it.
7. All Committees shall be appointed and announced by the Moderator unless otherwise specially directed by the meeting.
8. When any voter shall make a motion, and such a motion shall be seconded by another, the same shall be received and considered by the meeting and not otherwise.
9. When a vote has passed it shall be in order for any one of the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof; and when a motion or reconsideration is decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered.

10. No one shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another while anyone is speaking; or pass unnecessarily between the Moderator and the person speaking.

11. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator desires it.

12. Any voter may call for a division of the question where the sense will admit of it.

13. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

14. When a vote is doubted, the voters for or against the question, when called on by the Moderator, shall rise and stand uncovered till they shall be counted.

15. Individuals while speaking shall stand uncovered and address the Moderator.

16. No person shall be permitted to stand on the seats.

17. A motion to adjourn without date shall be debatable; but a motion to adjourn to a day certain shall not be debatable.

18. No person shall be allowed to smoke in this house.

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## DOINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 31ST, 1924.

Article 1. Voted to elect a Moderator, three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, three Trustees of Dickinson School Fund, two Constables, one Tree Warden, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, three Trustees of the Cemetery all for one year, one School Committeeman, one Assessor, one Trustee of Library, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years; also to vote Yes or No in answer to the question, "Shall a license be granted for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in this town?"

Article 2. Voted to choose all other necessary officers for the coming year.

Article 3. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Trustees of Public Library.

Article 4. Voted to accept the list of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

Article 5. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$3,200.00 for General Government for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 6. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for street lighting, for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for the protection of persons and property for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for health and sanitation for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 9. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the removal of snow.

Article 10. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for General Highway purposes for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for railings for the ensuing year.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for bridges for the ensuing year.

Article 13. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 to be expended by the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture for the County of Hampden, in accordance with the provisions of section 40 and 45. Chapter 128 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Article 14. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to be used with a like amount, if received from the State under the small Town Acts, to improve and harden the highway from the College Highway at Gillett's Corners, easterly towards Congamond.

Article 15. Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to take up with the State and County, in regard to the Culvert over Great Brook, South Long Yard Road.

Article 16. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for the Charity Department for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 17. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for "State Aid" for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 18. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 for Educational purposes for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 19. Voted to accept the report of the Special Committee on School accommodations, that the report be filed with Town Records, and the Committee be discharged and thanked for their service.

Article 20. Voted to build a centralized School, a Committee consisting of the Selectmen, School Committee and three to be appointed by the Moderator, to act as building committee, with authority to find a suitable building site, for the purpose of building a New Centralized School. The Selectmen be instructed to petition the Legislature for authority to issue bonds not to exceed \$80,000.00, Yes, 77; No, 28.

Article 21. Voted to appropriate the sum \$1,200.00 for the transportation of School children.

Article 22. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the repair of the Sidewalk from the Park to the railroad station.

Article 23. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to improve the Cemeteries.

Article 24. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for Library purposes, for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 25. Voted to appropriate from the receipts of the Electric Light Department for Bond Payment \$2,200.00.

Article 26. Voted to appropriate from the receipts of the Electric Light Department for interest payments \$1,507.50.

Article 27. Voted to appropriate from the receipts of the Electric Light Department for depreciation \$1,137.29.

Article 28. Voted to appropriate from the receipts of the Electric Light Department of the Balance of Receipts estimated at \$4,000.00 for operation and maintenance.

Article 29. Voted to transfer the Depreciation Fund to the Construction Fund, in the Electric Light Department.

Article 30. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for "Unclassified" for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 31. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for "Recreation" for the ensuing year.

Article 32. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for the Administration of Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 33. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,200.00, to pay interest on Town Notes for the year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 34. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, to be known as the "Reserved Fund."

Article 35. Voted to re-value the Real Estate of the Town, and to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for same.

Article 36. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money, in anticipation of revenue for the financial year ending December 31, 1924, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from taxes of said municipal year.

Article 37. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1925, in anticipation of revenue for the financial year of 1925, and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Article 38. Voted to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for financial year ending December 31, 1924.

Article 39. Voted the Selectmen be instructed to make the Highway passable, leading from the Point Grove Road to a point near the residence of Annie Semcook, about 700 feet in length.

Article 40. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint Minor Officers.



Article 41. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of three, to investigate the matter of Forestation, and report at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Voted to close the polls at 3 o'clock, P. M.

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DOINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD  
MAY 6TH, 1924.

Article 1. To see what action the Town will take and what sum of money appropriate for the constructing of a School building and for the original equipment, and furnishing of the same.

The vote of the above motion was by check list, the Town Clerk calling the names of those persons qualified to vote in town affairs.

It was stated by the Moderator that a vote "No" should be against the motion, and a vote "yes" should be in favor of the motion. Seventy-three persons voting Yes, and Sixty-three, No. The Moderator declared the motion lost. A two-third vote being necessary to carry.

Article 2. Voted to pass over.

Article 3. Voted the Selectmen, with three others to be appointed by the Moderator, be authorized to formulate By-laws to be presented at any Special Town Meeting that may be called, or at the regular Annual Town Meeting.

Polls closed at about 9 o'clock P. M.

Number of names checked on list, 136.

Yes, 73.

No, 63

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DOINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD  
DECEMBER 29, 1924.

Article 1. Voted to transfer the sum of \$500.00 from the Surplus Revenue Fund, to the Reserve Fund for 1924.

Article 2. Voted to transfer the sum of \$350.00 from the unexpended balance of General Government for 1924, and \$125.00 from the Revaluation Account, to the Unclassified Account for 1924.

Article 3. Voted that the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated and raised, providing a like amount is furnished by the State, and a like amount by the County, for permanent improvements on the Highway from Gilletts Corners and extending easterly.

Polls closed about 8 o'clock P. M.

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR 1924.

### RECEIPTS

Cash balance, January 1, 1924:

General	1,475.14	
Less Electric Light Dept. overdraft	176.45	1,298.69

### GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Current year:

Poll	788.00
Personal	2,918.68
Real Estate	16,090.58

Previous years:

Poll	65.00
Personal	3,342.23
Real Estate	12,022.78

From the Commonwealth:

Corporations, Income, etc.,	7,380.40
Automobile Dealers Licences	10.00
Vendors Licenses from Commonwealth	6.00

Court Fines:

From Clerk	593.46
From Sheriff	59.00

43,176.13

### GRANTS AND GIFTS

From Commonwealth:

Mass. School Fund	2,168.71
High School Tuition	1,195.00
School Superintendent	676.67
Aid to Highways	3,800.00
School Transportation	2,830.90

From the County:		
Dog Licenses	232.82	
From Individuals:		
Oiling Highways	82.51	
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		10,986.61
All Other General Revenue:		
Soldier's Exemption from state	9.02	
War Bonus surplus from state	741.14	
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		850.16

### COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Collectors Fees	44.25	
Collectors Costs	9.63	
Town Hall Rent	53.00	
Inspection of Animals	50.00	
Sealer Weights and Measures	20.23	
Sale of Materials	.50	
Use of Tractor	532.50	
Re-embursement Charity	74.72	
State Aid	102.00	
Library Fines	18.05	
Refund on Bond	20.82	
Electric Light Rates	10,690.82	
Electric Miscellaneous	558.60	
Street Lights	2,000.00	
Guarantee Deposit	10.00	
Interest on Deposit	3.29	
Interest on Deferred Taxes	1,104.37	
Sale Cemetery Lots	45.00	
Income Sally Moon Library Fund	116.00	
Income Dickinson School Fund	125.00	
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		\$15,578.78
Municipal Indebtedness:		
Revenue Loans	43,000.00	43,000.00
Refunds:		
Treasurer Department	56.87	
Schools	35.80	
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		92.67
Overpayment R. M. Fletcher		6.25
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Total		\$114,989.29

PAYMENTS  
GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative Department:

Moderator Salary		20.00
Selectmen		
Salaries	550.00	
Clerk	240.00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing Stationery, etc.	25.96	
Expense, School Hearing	40.00	
Stove for office	20.35	
Rent Adding Machine	10.00	
Fuel	20.00	
All other, Telephone, etc.	19.37	925.68

Auditing Department:

Salary	10.00	
Other Expense	.15	10.15

Treasury Department:

Salary	300.00	
Printing Stationery, etc.	2.69	
Other Expense	6.41	309.10

Collectors Department:

Salary	300.00	
Fees	44.25	
Printing Stationery, etc.	104.76	
All other	16.34	465.35

Assessors Department:

Salaries	340.00	
Revaluation	861.50	
Printing Stationery, etc.	11.45	
All other	.95	1,213.90

Other Finance Accounts:

Certifying Notes		10.00
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Law Department:

Salaries and Wages		80.00
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Town Clerk's Department:

Salaries and Wages	150.00	
Recording Fees	54.50	
Printing Stationery, etc.	10.74	
Telephone	1.80	
All other	25.80	242.80

<b>Election and Registration:</b>			
Election Officers	52.50		
Printing Stationery, etc.	19.45		
All other	40.35	112.30	

<b>Town Hall:</b>			
Fuel and Light	66.35		
Janitor's Supplies	1.50		
Repairs	384.90		
Lamps	5.87		
All other	4.99	463.61	

3,852.89

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

<b>Fire Department:</b>			
Salaries and Wages	478.63		
Apparatus	241.28		
Truck	3.78		
Rent	84.00		
All other	2.23	809.92	

<b>Highway Signs:</b>		26.16	
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<b>Police Department:</b>			
Salaries and Wages	523.40		
Transportation	6.00		
Equipment	12.00		
All other	26.50	567.90	

<b>Sealer of Weights and Measures:</b>			
Salary	56.50		
Equipment	25.51	82.01	

<b>Forestry Department:</b>			
Contract	500.00		
All other	3.48	503.48	

1,989.47

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

<b>Health Department:</b>			
General Expense	.25		
Tuberculosis			
Board and Care	68.57		
County Hospital	194.22		



All other	1.22	
Animal Inspector	100.00	
Meat and Provisions	300.00	664.26
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664.26

### HIGHWAYS

#### General Highways and Railings:

Salaries and Wages	4,835.64	
Teams	2,788.10	
Gravel, Stone, etc.	724.03	
Equipment and Repairs	408.71	
Miscellaneous Expense	168.02	8,924.50
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#### Bridges:

Salaries and Wages	54.89	
Lumber	91.11	
All other	4.00	150.00
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#### Sidewalks:

Salaries and Wages	2.50	
Teams	5.00	
Materials	14.99	22.49
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#### Snow Removal:

Salaries and Wages	335.40	
All other	6.00	341.40
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#### Tractor Account:

Repairs	74.59	
Labor	64.15	
Supplies	201.43	340.17
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#### Street Lighting:

Contract		2,000.00
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Street Oiling:		82.51
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11,861.07

### CHARITIES

#### Poor Department:

Printing Stationery, etc.	2.36	
Groceries and Provisions	287.86	
Fuel	12.00	
Board and Care	439.50	
Medicine and Medical Attendance	88.60	
All other	104.05	934.37
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934.37

# Soldier's Benefits

State Aid

120.00

120.00

## EDUCATION

### Schools:

#### General Expense:

Salary, School Committee	200.00
Salary, Superintendent	874.99
Salary, Clerk	28.00
Truant Officer	3.00
Printing Stationery, etc.	9.81
Telephone	17.28
Travelling Expense	195.25
School Census	50.00
All other general expense	17.95
Teachers' Salaries	14,390.00

#### Text Books and Supplies:

Text Books	701.38
All other	199.42

#### Tuition:

High School	2,745.00
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#### Transportation:

High School	4,127.33
Elementary	10.00
Janitor's Services	540.25
Fuel	363.00
Maintenance of Buildings	320.00
Furniture and Furnishings	10.00
Diplomas and Graduation Exp.	22.80
School Nurse	280.00
All other expense	40.00

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25,145.46

## LIBRARY

Salary, Librarian	150.00
Janitor's Services	93.88
Books	101.90
Periodicals	64.70
Fuel	24.00
Light	29.49
Repairs	128.43
Care Grounds	25.12

Stationery and Postage	12.97	
Express	7.79	
All other	10.74	649.02
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		25,794.48

#### RECREATION

July 4th Celebration	150.00	150.00
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#### UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	91.76	
Town Reports	125.00	
Compensation Ins.	944.49	
State Int.	1.08	
Rent Safe Deposit Box	5.00	
Rent Adding Machine	10.00	
Highway Signs	41.40	
Aid to Agriculture	150.00	
Miscellaneous	11.57	1,380.30
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		1,380.30

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Operation	5,157.68	
Construction	1,342.80	6,500.48
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		6,500.48

#### CEMETERIES AND PERPETUAL CARE

Labor	457.00	
All other	60.26	
Perpetual Care	42.00	559.26
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		559.26

#### INTEREST

Revenue Loans	1,160.41	
General Loans	38.50	
Public Service Loans	1,397.50	2,596.41
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		2,596.41

#### MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	35,000.00	
General Loans	700.00	
Public Service Enterprises	2,200.00	37,900.00
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		37,900.00

# AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT

State Tax	2,600.00	
County Tax	1,535.93	
Audit	558.21	
Municipal Light Tax	2.92	
State Highway Tax	687.50	
Penalty Late Returns	4.00	5,388.56

5,388.56

## REFUND

Taxes of 1922	54.77	
Taxes of 1923	5.89	
Corporation Tax	94.59	
R. M. Fletcher	61.75	
Clerk District Court	15.35	232.35

232.35

Total Payments	99,923.90
Cash, December 31, 1924	15,065.39

Total \$114,989.29

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. BARNES  
GEORGE W. PHELPS  
KENNETH E. GILLETT

Selectmen:

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1924	1,298.69
Cash overage	6.25
Receipts of 1924	113,684.35

\$114,989.29

Selectmen's Warrants	99,923.90
Overpayment R. M. Fletcher	6.25
Cash on hand, January 1, 1925	15,059.14

\$114,989.29

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. TREWORGY,

Treasurer, Pro-tem.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

## TAXES OF 1922

Outstanding January 1, 1924		\$8,096.43
Paid to Treasurer	7,900.64	
Abatements	111.95	8,012.59
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Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$83.84

## TAXES OF 1923

Outstanding January 1, 1924		\$15,094.10
Paid to Treasurer	6,818.66	
Abatements	44.06	6,862.72
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Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$8,231.38

## TAXES OF 1924

Warrants		\$34,612.72
Paid to Treasurer	19,797.26	
Excess of Warrant	82.05	19,879.31
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Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$14,733.41

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. TREWORGY,

Collector, Pro. Tem.



BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1924  
GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS:		LIABILITY:	
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
General	12,080.40	In Anticipation of Revenue	23,000.00
Electric Light Department	2,984.99	Due R. M. Fletcher, Overpayment	6.25
		War Bonus Surplus	741.14
		Cemetery Fund Income	83.28
Accounts Receivable:	15,065.39	Unexpended Balances:	
Taxes:		Tractor Account	337.54
Levy of 1922	83.84	Electric Construction	10.39
Levy of 1923	8,231.38	Electric Interest	464.61
Levy of 1924	14,733.41		
Departmental:		Overlay Reserved for Abatement:	
Civilian War Polls, due from state	165.00	Levy of 1922	45.93
Electric Light and Power	2,213.81	Levy of 1923	323.86
Electric Miscellaneous	148.03	Levy of 1924	936.28
Overdrawn Accounts:			
Library	233.02	Overlay Surplus	826.31
		Electric Light Revenue	4,871.83
		Surplus Revenue	9,226.46
			<u>\$40,873.88</u>
	<u>\$40,873.88</u>		
		DEBIT ACCOUNTS	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$29,100.00	Fire Truck Loan	700.00
		Electric Light Loans	28,400.00
	<u>\$29,100.00</u>	Eddie Barden Fund	237.71
		Dickinson School Fund	16,598.93
		Sally Moore Library Fund	4,382.78
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	2,428.30
Trust Funds:			
Cash and Securities	23,647.72		
	<u>\$23,647.72</u>		
			<u>\$23,647.72</u>

# DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS, ADDITIONS, TRANSFERS, BALANCES AND OVERDRAFTS

	Appropriations	Refunds & Transfers Additions	Transfers To	Available for use	Expenditures	Overdraft	
						Dec. 31, 1924	
General Government	3,200.00						7.49
Moderator			20.00	7.49	20.00		
Selectmen		20.00	305.68	20.00	925.68		
Auditor			10.15	925.68	10.15		
Treasurer & Collector		24.63	705.57	730.20	730.20		
Collectors Fees		44.25		44.25	44.25		
Assessors			352.40	352.40	352.40		
Other Finances			10.00	10.00	10.00		
Town Clerk			242.80	242.80	242.80		
Law			80.00	80.00	80.00		
Election & Registration			112.30	112.30	112.30		
Town Hall			463.61	463.61	463.61		
Revaluation	1,000.00			875.00	861.50		13.50
Protection	1,700.00						
Forestry			289.47	503.48	503.48		
Police			503.48	567.90	567.90		
Fire			809.92	809.92	809.92		
Sealer			82.01	82.01	82.01		
Highway Signs			26.16	26.16	26.16		
Health	600.00		64.26	664.26	664.26		
Highways	5,000.00	3,771.50	3.10	8,774.60	8,774.60		
Bridges		82.51		82.51	82.51		
Sidewalks	150.00			150.00	150.00		
Snow Removal	25.00			25.00	22.49		2.51
Street Lighting	200.00		141.40	341.40	341.40		
Railings	2,000.00			2,000.00	2,000.00		
Tractor Account	150.00			150.00	149.90		.10
Charities	145.21	532.50		677.71	340.17		337.54
State Aid	1,000.00			1,000.00	934.37		65.63
	150.00			150.00	120.00		30.00

Schools	23,000.00	25.00	2,202.00	919.66	21,742.66	21,742.66	
School Transportation	1,200.00	10.80	10.00	2,202.00	3,402.80	3,402.80	
Library	300.00	116.00			416.00	649.02	233.02
Aid to Agriculture	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Recreation	150.00				150.00	150.00	
Unclassified	750.00	20.82		475.00	1,245.82	1,230.30	15.52
Reserve Fund	1,000.00	500.00	1,467.89		32.11	517.26	32.11
Cemeteries	500.00	230.44			730.44	700.00	213.18
Maturing Debt	700.00				700.00		
Interest	1,200.00				1,200.00	1,198.91	1.09
Adminst'n Trust Fund	50.00				50.00		50.00
Totals	\$44,320.21	\$5,378.45	\$8,986.87	\$8,986.87	\$49,698.66	\$49,163.01	\$768.67
Balance carried forward							\$233.02

## MANAGER'S REPORT OF THE ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT.

Respectfully submitted herewith report of the operation of the Municipal Light Plant for the year ending December 31, 1924.

This ends the fifth year of the plant's existence. Those experienced in the operation of lighting systems claim the first five years to be the hardest; prospects now should be brighter.

The department has had a prosperous year and the Profit and Loss surplus has increased from \$1,767.04 on Jan. 1st., 1924, to \$4,669.69 on December 31st, 1924. An increase of \$2,902.65.

Our operating expenses have been kept at a very low figure, (about 20 to 25% below average of other municipal plants) and business has increased about 33 1/3%.

The meters in use the past year were 225. In several instances one meter registers for a group of several cottages. One of Mr. Nelson G. King's registers for about 25 summer cottages. One at Mr. Wm. P. Marcoullier's tract on the West shore of the Lake registers for 15 cottages and one at the highway at Point Grove registers for 15 more cottages on the south shore of the North Lake. Twenty-five consumers of the Congamond Association located on the East shore of the Middle Lake, consume considerable current.

Several new consumers along the lines have been connected with the service the past year and with normal healthy growth, there is no reason why the rates should not gradually lower with the gradual increase in customers and consumption of current.

All the extra business that is now added to the existing lines will mean extra revenue for price reductions, as this new business will not increase the charges for bond payments, interest payments, and depreciation charges which are the main large expenses. The cost of current and operating charges per customer being small in comparison to the three main set expenses.

The only physical changes in the plant the past year, have been the extension of the lines through the Marcoullier tract on twenty poles set and furnished by Mr. Wm. Marcoullier, and connecting with the colony on the south shore of North Lake and house circuits to new consumers.

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company purchased half interest in twenty-six poles of this department.

The financial statement herewith shows the condition of the plant on December 31st, 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND M. FLETCHER,

Manager.

# ELECTRIC LIGHT REPORT

## Financial Report of the Electric Light Department

December 31st, 1924.

### FIXED ASSETS

#### Electric Plant:

Lines	\$28,764.93	
Meters	2,401.00	
Transformers	3,708.42	
Street Lights	2,520.91	\$37,415.26

### FLOATING ASSETS

#### Bills Receivable:

Commercial Lighting	1,802.86	
Power	294.24	2,097.10

### CASH

Operation Fund	2,959.01	
Construction Fund	84.74	3,043.75
		<u>\$42,556.11</u>

### FIXED LIABILITIES

Bonds	28,400.00
Loans, repayment account	9,100.00
Interest accrued but not due	380.42
	<u>37,880.42</u>
Profit and Loss (Surplus)	4,675.69

\$42,556.11

### OPERATING ACCOUNT

#### Income

Commercial lighting	8,302.45	
Municipal lighting, metered	98 84	
Power	2,452.67	
Street lighting	2,000.00	12,853.96

#### Expenses

Current Purchased (101, 410 K. W. H.)	3,042.30
General Salaries	1,000.00
Office Supplies and Expenses	98.50
Repairs of Lines	455.49
Repairs of Street Lights	15.54
Renewals of Street Lights	61.08
Transportation	200.00



Moving poles on Lake Road	50.15	
Engineering and Misc. Expenses	112.28	
Distribution Maintenance, Meters	51.50	
Insurance	31.30	
Depreciation, 3% cost of plant	1,219.92	6,338.06
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Balance to Profit and Loss		\$6,515.90

#### Profit and Loss

Balance January 1st, 1924		\$1,767.04
Balance of Operating Account		6,515.90
Interest paid on Bonds	987.92	
Interest accrued on Bonds	380.42	
Bonds Paid	2,200.00	
Uncollectable Accounts	44.91	
Balance, credit	4,669.69	
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	\$8,282.94	\$8,282.94

#### ASSESSORS REPORT

Valuation of Real Estate April 1	\$1,472,850.00
Valuation of Personal Estate April 1	260,270.00
Valuation of Real Estate Dec. 10	100.00
Valuation of Personal Estate Dec. 10	150.00
Number of Polls Assessed	404.
Tax Rate per 1,000.00	19.50
Number of acres of land assessed	18,807 2/3
Number of dwellings assessed	437
Number of cows assessed	888
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed	177
Number of swine assessed	32
Number of sheep assessed	9
Number of fowls assessed	4561
Number of horses assessed	290
Amount of Appropriations	\$43,475.00
Amount of State Tax	2,600.
Amount of State Highway Tax	687.50
Auditing Accounts	558.21
Municipal Lighting Plant	2.92
Amount of County Tax	1,535.93
Overlays	936.28
Amount raised by taxation April assessment	33,795.84
Amount raised by taxation December assessment	4.88
Amount of estimated revenue	15,900.00

Amount raised on Real Estate	28,722.52
Amount raised on Personal Estate	5,078.20
Amount raised on Polls	808.00

GEORGE W. PHELPS

JOHN F. MALONE

CARL A. ANDERSON

## EXPENDITURES ON ROADS IN SOUTHWICK

### CHAPTER 81—1924.

1	Main St—now State Highway .....	\$ 00.00
2	South Longyard Road .....	554.31
3	Powder Mill Road .....	51.48
4	Laro Road .....	79.91
5	Point Grove Road .....	966.42
6	Feeding Hills Road .....	655.25
7	Foster Road .....	309.91
8	Sheep Pasture Road .....	544.89
9	Congamond Street .....	1,005.64
10	Sodom Mt. Road .....	5.69
11	Loomis Street .....	682.77
12	Klaus Anderson Road .....	210.19
13	Coes Hill Road .....	203.41
14	Hillside Road .....	271.45
15	Mort Vining Road .....	128.30
16	Nickerson Hill Road .....	10.94
17	Lincoln Road .....	00.00
18	Ed Holcomb Road .....	00.00
19	Vining Hill Road .....	333.90
20	Davis Road .....	83.26
21	Curtis Road .....	30.16
22	Fred Jackson Road .....	60.70
23	John Mason Road .....	19.74
24	Granville Road .....	502.82
25	Reservoir Road .....	9.16
26	Hastings Road .....	33.32
27	Chas. Johnson Road .....	11.94
28	Depot Street .....	110.06
29	Will Palmer Road .....	59.47
30	Honey Pot Road .....	00.00
31	Tannery Road .....	74.60
32	Sunnyside Ranch Road .....	123.58
33	Sam West Road .....	28.33
34	North Longyard Road .....	176.18

35	George Loomis Road .....	62.50
36	Cline Road .....	58.00
37	Bugbee Road .....	9.69
38	Rising Corners .....	00.00
39	New Granville Road .....	45.89
	General Work .....	92.81
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		7,606.67
	Paid for Materials .....	1,143.33
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDED</b>	<b>\$8,750.00</b>
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Allotments:

State .....	\$3,750.00
Town .....	5,000.00
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	\$8,750.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. RAYMOND.

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK  
1924

Births recorded	38
Deposition of Births	2
Deaths recorded	20
Marriages recorded	14
Marriage certificates	7
Mortgages recorded	27
Other instruments recorded	4
Dogs licensed	146
Hunter's, Fishing and Trapper's licenses issued during the year 1924	680

JENNIE L. McAULIFFE,

Town Clerk.

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TOWN OF SOUTHWICK, MASSACHUSETTS  
REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1924 to January 1, 1925

Number of books in library, Jan. 1, 1924	4034
Number of books in library, Jan. 1, 1925	4187
Number of books given by the State	55
Number of books given by Mr. Charles Bartlett	6

Number of books purchased	92
Circulation of books	4050
Circulation of books in schools	156
Circulation of magazines	1425
Twelve sets of pictures have been exhibited	
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1924	\$ 4.04
Received for fines	16.10

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\$20.14

Expenditures	14.66
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Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1925	\$5.48
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#### Expenditures

Express on pictures	10.44
Transportation of pictures	.70
Cleaning chimney	.50
Cleaning windows	.30
Envelopes	.45
Postals	.05
O'Cedar	.60
Ink	.12
Shellac	1.50

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\$14.66

MUSETTA A. PHELPS, Librarian.

Sally Moore Fund	\$3,462.00
Accumulated Interest	920.78

Total	\$4,382.78
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MARY STONE, Trustee.

#### DICKINSON SCHOOL FUND

Amount of Fund Jan. 1, 1924:

Real Estate Mortgages	15,900.00
Deposited First National Bank	23.73

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\$15,923.73

Receipts in 1924:

From Interest on Mortgages	800.20
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\$16,723.93

Amount of Fund Dec. 31, 1924:

Real Estate Mortgages	15,400.00
Deposited in Banks:	

Westfield Savings Bank  
First National Bank

1,182.50  
16.43

Payment to Town Treasurer

\$16,598.93  
125.00

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\$16,723.93

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COOLEY A. GRIFFIN,

Chairman of Trustees.

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**REPORT OF TRUSTEES FOR COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE  
1924 TOGETHER WITH REPORT OF HAMPDEN COUNTY  
IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE 1924.**

February 14, 1925

TO THE VOTERS OF SOUTHWICK:

Mrs. George N. Holcomb, Jr. has been an efficient leader for the boy and girl club work in Southwick in 1924. Clubs were organized under her leadership in home economics with thirteen members and in canning with five members, and there were individuals enrolled in the baby-beef and poultry clubs.

The home bureau work in Southwick dealt with millinery, home nursing, and canning. Serving with Mrs. Holcomb as chairman were Mrs. L. L. Bugbee, vice-chairman, Mrs. C. J. Stone, secretary, and Mrs. Carl Johnson, leader of home nursing projects.

Millinery was under the leadership of Mrs. Carlyle Noble, Miss Marian Hollister, Mrs. Albert Johnson and Mrs. Kenneth Gillett. These leaders attended county-wide training conferences in Springfield, carrying back to Southwick instructions they received and conducting a series of ten meetings, six in the spring and four in the fall for a group of fourteen or fifteen women.

In the home nursing work there were four meetings and eleven women enrolled. Miss Eunice S. Clark of the County staff gave instruction in food for the sick, while Miss Luella Young of the Hampden County Public Health Association demonstrated bed-side care of the sick, and Dr. Carr gave instructions on the prevention of communicable diseases and demonstrated first aid in cases of sickness.

Mrs. Holcomb attended conferences in canning and acted as a source of information for Southwick women in canning problems. Exhibits of home canning from Southwick and also of junior canning were shown at the Eastern States Exposition.

The County agricultural agents conducted an extension school for tobacco growers in February. Two specialists were brought in who explained the latest and best methods in tobacco culture. During the season, at the request of the county organization, Dr. Anderson of the Massachusetts Agricultural College made three visits to the tobacco farmers during the growing season to assist in disease control work.

Other agricultural work of the year included a dairy meeting, two orchard meetings, and the participation of Southwick farmers in poultry, tobacco, and orchard tours.

General meetings included the extension school in February to which reference has already been made but which also included a woman's program, and a community meeting, featuring community singing, held in May.

ROSCOE C. EDLUND

Managing Director.

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#### TO THE CITIZENS OF SOUTHWICK:

We would invite your especial attention to a letter from Burr F. Jones, Supervisor of Elementary Education, addressed to Supt. Sanderson and quoted in his report; regarding the matter of vaccination.

Your committee have been loath to force parents to act in this matter against their judgment. The State has delivered its ultimative and we ask you to co-operate, when blanks are issued, without further pressure.

High School tuition rates have again increased. A recent communication from Westfield School authorities announces \$110.00 as the fee for the last half of this School year and the first half of next year, or an increase of \$10.00 per pupil. The present High School enrollment is: Westfield High School 26, Springfield Junior High School 1, Springfield High School of Commerce 1. A class of 30 were entered at Westfield in September, but four dropped out during the first half of year.

Following is a Summary of the cost of Schools for 1924:

Teachers Salaries	\$14,390.00
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School Committee	
Superintendent	200.00
Attendance Officer	1,070.24
Census and Labor Certificates	3.00
Text books and Supplies	78.00
High School Tuition	900.00
Transportation High and Local	2,745.00
Janitors	4,137.33
Fuel	540.25
Repairs	363.00
School Nurse	330.00
Incidental	280.00
	112.09

Receipts from Other Sources	\$25,149.71
	9,104.38

By Taxation	\$15,945.33
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#### RECEIPTS FROM OUTSIDE SOURCES

Mass. School Fund	\$2,168.71
Income Tax	2,100.00
Superintendent	676.67
High School Tuition	1,195.00
Transportation	2,839.00
Dickinson Fund	125.00
	\$9,104.38

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. ARNOLD,  
ELIJA B. VINING  
C. H. SAUNDERS

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

To the School Committee of Southwick:—

I herewith submit for your consideration and for the consideration of the citizens of the town, my fifth annual report, the twenty-second since the organization of this superintendency union.

Southwick has taken two important steps towards providing a respectable home for its school children. The town has voted to build according to plans presented by the committee, and permission to borrow the necessary money has been obtained from the State legislature. These votes will not need to be taken again.

There remains for the town to vote by a majority of two to one to bond the town for the payment of the money they are authorized to borrow.

The State measures what towns do for their schools by the amount they raise for schools on each \$1,000 of valuation, and by the sum they pay out of their own pockets for the schooling of each child. The State report for the year ending November 30, 1924 shows that of the 355 towns and cities of Massachusetts Southwick stands number 195, well below the middle of the list, in the size of its school tax; and number 317, almost at the bottom, in the amount it pays for the schooling of each child. Last year Southwick paid \$42.42 for each child's education while the average paid by the State was \$74.22.

#### NUMBER OF PUPILS.

Within the past five years there has been an increase of sixty-seven in the number of pupils for whom the schools must provide.

Hillside, Mooretown, and South Longyard have fewer pupils than five years ago. All other schools show an increase.

The greatest part of this increase is at Point Grove, Pleasant St., and the Village.

There are thirty-six more pupils at the Village schools than there were five years ago, and these schools are crowded to their full capacity.

#### TRANSPORTATION.

For nearly a year most of the high school pupils and those grammar school pupils living along the high school route have been carried to school comfortably and speedily by the town auto-bus.

This project was undertaken to save outlay by the town. It not only has done this but it has been a convenience to many parents of high school pupils, as well as providing transportation for those children attending grammar school who are legally entitled to be carried to school.

When the town has need of more auto-busses, I see no reason why all high school pupils cannot have the same opportunity which most of them now enjoy.

#### VACCINATION.

The following letter has been received from the State Department of Education:—

State House, Boston,  
February 3, 1925.

Mr. William H. Sanderson,  
Supt. of Schools,

My dear Mr. Sanderson:—

In a recent conference with representatives of the Department of Public Health concerning school hygiene in various communities of the Commonwealth, it was brought to the attention of this Department that scarcely more than five per cent of the pupils of the public schools of Southwick have complied with the compulsory vaccination law. This law is to be found in the General Laws, Chapter 76, Section 15, and reads in part as follows:—

“An unvaccinated child shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate like the physician's certificate required by Section 183 of Chapter 111.”

The certificate referred to in the above law is described in Section 183 of Chapter 111 as follows:

“ . . . any child presenting a certificate, signed by a registered physician designated by the parent or guardian, that the physician has at the time of giving the certificate personally examined the child and that he is of the opinion that the physical condition of the child is such that his health will be endangered by vaccination, shall not, while such condition continues, be subject to the two preceding sections.”

Will you kindly bring this matter to the attention of the school committee for its consideration and action.

I will say that in one or two other instances of this kind that have come to the attention of the Department, the school authorities have sent a notice home to the parents, including a reference to the law and stating that unless the child is vaccinated or furnished the type of exemption certificate required by a certain date, he will be excluded from the public schools. In these instances several weeks were allowed the parents to comply with the law.

You will of course recognize that it rests upon the schools to set a worthy example in complying with all laws relating to public education. Under the provisions of Part II, Chapter 70, the Department of Education is under legal obligation to withhold the in-

come accruing from this law from any town that does not comply with such laws. We surely do not wish even to consider such a matter in the case of Southwick, for from personal visitation we realize that Southwick needs all available financial sources of support for its public schools.

Sincerely yours,

BURR F. JONES,

Supervisor of Elementary Education.

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I do not know who conveyed this startling information to the State Department. An investigation shows there is no foundation for the statement that only five per cent of the school children have been vaccinated. About thirty-six per cent of the Southwick children now attending school—more than one-third—have been vaccinated.

Southwick in common with many of the small towns of the State has been remiss in not enforcing the law in this matter.

Under the provisions of Part II, Chapter 70, of the General Laws Southwick is to receive this year \$3,618.73. The school authorities can hardly afford to neglect the enforcement of the laws of the State at the cost of this sum.

It will be necessary to fix a date after which no child shall be allowed to attend the schools of Southwick who is not vaccinated, or who does not present a certificate of exemption signed by some registered physician.

#### THE TEACHERS.

During the school year of 1923-24 there were again no resignations from our corps of teachers.

At the close of the school year in June Miss MacCreadie of grades 5-6 at the village school resigned to accept a position in her home city of Springfield. The vacancy was filled by transferring Miss Rose from the Mooretown school and engaging Miss Letoa E. Burgum of Westfield for Mooretown. Miss Burgum is a graduate of Westfield high school and Westfield normal school, and has had no previous teaching experience.

November 4th, Miss Eastman of the Hillside school died after a very brief illness and her position was filled by Mrs. Lydia Gibbs of Chester. Mrs. Gibbs is a graduate of Chester high school and North Adams normal school and has taught very successfully for several years.

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## LUCY E. EASTMAN.

She taught in the common schools for thirty-three years.

For much the greater part of this time she served the Town of Southwick, and she served faithfully.

Whatever of strength, or ability, or skill she possessed she gave ungrudgingly and without stint.

One cannot measure the worth of a good woman's life, but the interest and care and concern which she typified may well leave its impress on the lives which she helped to mold, and serve as an example for all who aim to serve their fellow men.

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## ATTENDANCE AT HIGH SCHOOL.

During the past few years there has been a marked increase in the number of Southwick children who have been able to enter High school. I have also recently noted the names of a number of our most capable young women enrolled as students at normal school. These things are signs not only of increased efficiency of our schools but especially of increased appreciation on the part of the parents of the value of an education.

Some of the advantages of a high school education may be summed up as follows:—The high school graduate reads better and more understandingly, talks better, thinks better, and, most important of all, has learned how to learn. These are the things that count for growth and advancement and service value in any person's life.

Only a graduate from high school can go to college, or to a State normal school, or to a first class law school, medical school, dental school, or army or navy school of aviation. Only the high school graduate can obtain a place open to promotion in a newspaper office, a bank, railroad office, counting room, or business office.

Over fifty different lines of work for mechanics are closed to boys who have not graduated from high school, according to a recent list prepared by the United States Bureau of Labor.

The State shows its appreciation of the need of high school education for the men and women who are to become the citizens of the Commonwealth by making it possible for all qualified boys and girls to secure this education with no expense to their parents for tuition, or transportation to and from school.



The wage earning capacity of the boy or girl of high school age is very small. Every parent should give the child who is able to profit by high school training an opportunity to secure it; and every child who is given this opportunity should accept the chance with the determination to make the most of it.

To have one's name enrolled in a school is not a guarantee of an education or of success in life. No school is an insurance company. It is rather a stock company, where one's returns depend on what one invests. If one is willing to put little or nothing in the way of seriousness and high mindedness, energy and determination into a school investment, he can draw little or no dividends in the way of added strength of mind or character.

Every worthy boy or girl should be given a fair chance. Benjamin Franklin says: "An investment in brains always pays the best interest."

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SANDERSON,

Superintendent of Schools.



# ITEMIZED REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1924.

Teachers	Schools	Enrollment		Boys		Girls		Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Number of Tardy Marks	Tardy Marks per Pupil
Mildred Arnold	Congamond	27	12	15	19.9	16.9	92.6	17	8			
Lucy E. Eastman	Hillside	22	11	11	21.1	19.3	91.6	63	2.9			
Ellen A. Fuller	Loomis St.	23	10	13	21.2	20	94.4	41	1.9			
Christina M. Rose	Mooretown	15	8	7	10.7	9.9	92	16	1.4			
Fannie F. Hosmer	N. Longyard	18	11	7	16.5	15.7	95.4	19	1.1			
Dorothy S. Graves	Pleasant St.	23	13	10	17.3	16.4	94	0	0			
Musetta A. Phelps	Point Grove	43	20	23	30.9	27.6	89.4	84	2.7			
Evelyn C. Stites	Root Dist	25	13	12	20.1	16.7	88	44	2.8			
Gertrude L. Malboeuf	S. Longyard	18	10	8	9.7	9.1	93.6	29	2.9			
Mary I. Madeiros	Village, 1-4	31	14	17	27.6	26.1	94.5	56	2.1			
Margaret W. MacCreadie	" 5-6	25	10	15	22.3	20.4	91.4	34	1.5			
Dagma F. Mason	" 7-9	38	18	20	30.7	29.1	94.7	34	1.1			
Lelia C. Conger	Vining Hill	10	6	4	9	8.2	91.5	2	.2			
Totals		318	156	162	257	235.4	91.5	439	17			

## PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR

### Congamond:

Grade 3—Clelia Meraviglia

### Mooretown:

Grade 4—Elizabeth Anderson

### Village:

Grade 4—May Henry

Grade 5—Mary Jackson

Grade 7—Joseph Jackson

Grade 9—Clarice Fant

James Phelps

### Vining Hill:

Grade 6—Oliver Holcomb

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## SCHOOLS HAVING NO TARDY MARKS

### For Nine Months:

Pleasant St., Dorothy S. Graves, teacher.

### For Eight Months:

Vining Hill, Lelia C. Conger, teacher.

### For Six Months:

Mooretown, Christina M. Rose, teacher.

### For Five Months:

North Longyard, Fannie E. Hosmer, teacher.

### For Four Months:

Congamond, Mildred Arnold, teacher.

South Longyard, Gertrude L. Malboeuf, teacher.

### For Three Months:

Loomis St., Ellen A. Fuller, teacher.

### For One Month:

Hillside, Lucy E. Eastman, teacher.

Root Dist., Evelyn C. Stites, teacher.

# MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FALL OF 1924

	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Total
Congamond	4	3	5	4	2	1	1	0	0	20
Hillside	2	6	1	3	2	2	2	0	0	18
Loomis St.	8	2	2	4	2	3	1	2	0	24
Mooretown	2	0	1	1	2	0	2	3	0	11
North Longyard	5	0	4	3	0	4	0	0	1	17
Pleasant St.	3	4	4	3	5	4	0	0	0	23
Point Grove	6	11	6	7	6	0	0	0	0	36
Root District.	5	3	5	2	6	0	0	0	0	21
South Longyard	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	9
Village	7	11	7	7	10	13	11	13	7	86
Vining Hill	3	2	1	1	3	1	2	0	0	13
Total	46	42	37	36	40	29	20	19	9	278

## CALENDAR

Spring Term—Thirteen Weeks.

Begins Monday, March 23, 1925.

Ends Friday, June 19.

Vacation—Eleven Weeks.

Fall Term—Fifteen Weeks.

Begins Tuesday, September 8.

Ends Friday, December 18.

Vacation—Two Weeks.

Winter Term—Nine Weeks.

Begins Monday, January 4, 1926.

Ends Friday, March 5.

Vacation—Two Weeks.

Spring Term—Thirteen Weeks.

Begins Monday, March 22.

Ends Friday, June 18.

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHWICK CEMETERY

The trustees feel that the extra amount spent in the care of the cemeteries last year was money well expended. One man was employed continually from May to November caring for the lots.

Stones and monuments that were out of line were straightened, those that were broken were repaired and a general improvement, especially in the Old Cemetery was evident.

The trustees hope that an appropriation will be granted this year sufficient for them to make further improvements.

Several new funds for the perpetual care of lots were given last year.

The Trustees would urge that this plan be adopted more generally as the income from a fund of one hundred dollars will assure a lot being well taken care of permanently.

The perpetual funds for care of lots are:

The Rueben Stevens	\$200.00
Sardis Gillett fund	200.00
Beeman Palmer fund	150.00
Frank W. Noble fund	100.00
C. E. Kent fund	100.00
Elisha Parker fund	50.00
David Boyington fund	200.00
Luman Palmer fund	100.00
Albert F. Webb fund	200.00
Samuel Fowler fund	100.00
Elizabeth Galpin fund	100.00
Emerson C. Dibble fund	100.00
Stephen Nash fund	100.00
Joseph W. Rockwell	100.00
Minnie G. Spring fund	100.00
Horace N. Birge fund	200.00
Ralph W. Mason fund	200.00
Charles J. Root fund	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. MILLER

A. R. WEBB

C. M. ARNOLD

Trustees

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss.

To either of the constables in the town of Southwick. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Southwick qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the hall in the Grammar School Building in said Southwick, on Monday, the 30th day of March at 9 o'clock A. M. then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To elect a Moderator, three Selectman and Overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, three Trustees of Dickinson School Fund, two Constables, one Tree Warden, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, three Trustees of the Cemetery all for one year. One school Committee, one Assessor, one Trustee of Library, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years.

Art. 2. To choose all other necessary officers for the coming year.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Trustees of Public Library, Manager of the Electric Light Department and act thereon.

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Art. 47. To hear the report of the Committee on Town By-laws and to act on the same.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the financial year ending December 31, 1925.

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint minor officers.

The polls may close at 3 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same in three public places seven days at least, before the date of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant and your doings thereon to the clerk of said meeting. Given under our hands and seal at Southwick, this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred twenty five.

WM. S. BARNES

GEORGE W. PHELPS

KENNETH E. GILLETT

Selectmen of Southwick.

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The Finance Committee recommend the following appropriations:

Moderator	\$ 20.00
Selectmen's Dept.	975.00
Treasurer's Dept.	310.00
Collector's Dept.	450.00
Assessor's Dept.	375.00

Town Clerk	
Auditor	250.00
Election and Registration	11.00
Town Hall	75.00
Certifying Town Notes	175.00
Law	10.00
Adding Machine	75.00
Street Lighting	175.00
Protection	2,000.00
Health and Sanitation	1,700.00
Snow Removal	800.00
General Highway	800.00
Sunny Side Ranch Road	5,000.00
South Longyard Road	100.00
Railings	500.00
Bridges	150.00
County Aid to Agriculture	150.00
Laying Dust Depot Street	200.00
Charity	1,000.00
State Aid	150.00
Schools	23,000.00
Repairing Sidewalk	25.00
Cemeteries	650.00
Library	375.00
Unclassified	1,100.00
Recreation	150.00
Administration of Trust Funds	100.00
Interest	1,200.00
Reserve Fund	1,500.00

C. M. ARNOLD  
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Finance Committee

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOWN BY-LAWS

The committee on town By-laws submits herewith for your consideration the following set of By-laws.

### ARTICLE 1

#### TOWN MEETINGS

Section 1. The annual town meeting shall be held on the first Monday in March, each year.

Section 2. Notice of annual town meeting as well as all special meetings, shall be given by posting attested copies of the warrant calling same, in at least three public places in the town, not less than seven days before date appointed for such meeting, and the return of the officer, stating the manner of notice, shall be endorsed on the warrant.

### ARTICLE 2

#### TOWN MEETING PROCEDURE

Section 1. Twenty-five legal voters shall constitute a quorum at the annual or any special meeting except such parts as may be devoted to the election of officers.

Section 2. The Moderator shall preserve decorum and order; may speak on points of orders in preference to others, and shall decide all questions of order.

Section 3. When any voter shall require a question to be determined by yeas and nays, the Moderator shall take the sense of the meeting in that manner, provided one third of the voters present are in favor of it.

Section 4. He shall propound all questions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion be previous in its nature, except that in naming sums and fixing times the largest sums and longest time shall be first.

Section 5. When a question is under debate the Moderator shall receive no question but to adjourn, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to an hour certain, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged.

Section 6. When two or more happen to rise at once, the Moderator shall name the one who is to speak first.

Section 7. No voter shall speak more than three times on one question, without first obtaining leave of the meeting, no more than twice until others who have not spoken, shall speak if they desire.

Section 8. All committees shall be appointed and announced by the Moderator unless otherwise specially directed by the meeting.

Section 9. When any voter shall make a motion, and such a motion shall be seconded by another the same shall be received and considered by the meeting and not otherwise.

Section 10. When a vote has passed it shall be in order for any one of the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof, and when a motion or reconsideration is decided that decision shall not be reconsidered.

Section 11. No one shall be allowed to stand up to the interruption of another while any one is speaking or pass unnecessarily between the Moderator and the person speaking.

Section 12. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the Moderator so desires.

Section 13. Any voter may call for a division of the question where the sense will admit of it.

Section 14. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Section 15. When a vote is doubted the voters for or against the question, when called on by the Moderator shall rise and stand uncovered until they shall be counted.

Section 16. Individuals while speaking shall stand uncovered and address the Moderator.

Section 17. Smoking shall not be permitted at any annual or special meeting.

Section 18. A motion to adjourn without date shall be debatable but a motion to adjourn to a day certain shall not be debatable.

### ARTICLE 3

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Moderator shall appoint annually a finance committee consisting of five members.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the finance committee to make recommendations relative to all appropriations. Each year they shall make a study of the estimated requirements submitted by the board of selectmen and publish their recommendations in the annual town report.



Section 3. The recommendations of the finance committee shall stand as a motion before the meeting.

Section 4. The finance committee shall have authority to transfer from the Reserve Fund such amounts as in their opinion may be necessary to make up over drafts as far as such transfers conform to State Law.

Section 5. A copy of the warrant calling any meeting shall be furnished the chairman of the finance committee at least seven days prior to the date of the meeting as designated in the warrant.

## ARTICLE 4

### SELECTMEN

Section 1. The selectmen shall have full authority as agents of the town, acting upon the advice of council, to settle any claim or suits against the town which in their judgment cannot be successfully defended, when the sum does not exceed five hundred dollars. Any settlement requiring the payment of a sum greater than five hundred dollars, except as authorized by law, shall be made only when so authorized by vote of the town.

Section 2. The selectmen may appear in the interests of the town, either personally or by council, before any court, committee of the legislature, or any state or county board or commission. They shall have full authority as agents of the town, acting upon advice of council, to prosecute any and all necessary suits and proceedings in favor of the town and to appear and defend any and all suits and legal proceedings against or involving the town's interests.

## ARTICLE 5

### TREASURER

Section 1. The treasurer shall be custodian of all trust funds, deeds, bonds and insurance policies belonging to the town, except the bond of the treasurer which shall be in the custody of the chairman of the board of selectmen.

## ARTICLE 6

### BUILDINGS

Section 1. No building shall be erected within the village limits except as a permit is issued by the selectmen (village limits shall be defined as an area included within a radius of one half mile from the intersection of the College Highway and Depot Street.



## ARTICLE 7

### OBSTRUCTING HIGHWAYS

Section 1. No person shall erect in or upon any street in the Town any staging, or place thereon any wood, cord wood, ties, logs, earth, stones, brick, or lumber in such manner as to obstruct or impede the free use of such street for public travel, without a written license from the Selectmen.

Section 2. No person shall permit any team or motor vehicle under his care or control to stand across any street, in such a manner as to obstruct the travel over the same; no person shall stop with any team or motor vehicle in any street so near to another team or motor vehicle as to obstruct public travel.

Section 3. The selectmen shall have authority to make parking rules at intersecting streets.

## ARTICLE 8

Section 1. Bicycle riding on sidewalks is prohibited.

## ARTICLE 9

### PENALTIES

Section 1. Any person violating any section of these By-laws shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty dollars.

## ARTICLE 10

### AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended at any special or annual meeting by a two thirds vote of voters present and voting. Notice of any amendment shall be furnished by inserting the exact nature of the amendment in the warrant calling the meeting at which action is taken.

H. L. MILLER  
A. F. JOHNSON  
R. F. FOWLER  
W. S. BARNES  
G. W. PHELPS  
K. E. GILLETT

## STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

MR. THEODORE N. WADDELL,

Director of Accounts,  
Department of Corporations and Taxation,  
State House, Boston.

Sir:—

In accordance with your instructions I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southwick for the period from January 1, 1924, to February 14, 1925, and submit the following report thereon:

The surety bond of the treasurer and collector, as well as that of the town clerk, was examined, the bond of the treasurer and collector being found to be in proper form. The bond of the town clerk, however, was found to have a personal surety, which is contrary to the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 404, Acts of 1924, which reads as follows:—

Chapter forty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section one hundred and nine the following new section:— SECTION 109A. Every officer or employee of a city, town or district required to furnish a fidelity bond with a surety or sureties shall furnish a bond with a surety company authorized to transact business in the commonwealth, as surety. The premium on such bond shall in every case be paid by the city, town or district.

The financial transactions of the town as recorded on the books of the several departments were examined and checked for the period of the audit.

The books of the treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The receipts as recorded were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with the other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury; and the payments were checked to the selectmen's warrants and the original vouchers on file.

The appropriation accounts were checked to the town clerk's records of appropriations voted by the town.

The cancelled notes, representing loans matured and paid during the period of the audit, were examined, checked, and found to be as reported. In checking the interest on bonds of the electric light department, it was found that \$550 was unpaid,—\$220 for 1922, \$220 for 1923, and \$110 for 1924. During the progress of the audit the treasurer opened a coupon account and as the balance of the electric light appropriation for interest amounted to \$464.61, it was recommended that the appropriation for interest in 1925 be increased \$85.39, in order to cover the unpaid interest coupons of previous years.

The ledger postings were checked to the treasurer's cash books, the ledger was footed and analyzed, and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town December 31, 1924.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked, the commitment books being footed and reconciled with the assessors' warrants. The abatements were checked to the assessors' lists of abatements granted.

The outstanding accounts were listed and verification notices were mailed to one hundred persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town. The collector's cash, when verified, was found to be over \$76.81, but the verification notices failed to locate this difference. During the year the collector's accounts were recommitted twice, and on the second occasion there was no audit of the accounts, as required by Section 5, Chapter 128, Acts of 1923, which is as follows:

Said chapter sixty is hereby further amended by striking out section ninety-seven and inserting in place thereof the following:—SECTION 97. Except as provided in section nine, if a collector ceases to hold the office of collector for any reason other than because of the expiration of the term of office of a collector who is not paid by a fixed salary and his failure to be reappointed or re-elected, all his accounts, records and papers, except his warrant, which relate to the assessment and collection of taxes in his town shall, forthwith after an audit thereof has been made by a competent accountant, be deposited by him, or his executor or administrator, or any other person into whose possession they may come, with the assessors of such town, who thereupon shall turn over his uncollected tax lists to his successor, together with their warrant, which shall cover the uncollected accounts of the original commitment as shown on said lists and shall also turn over all his accounts, records and papers so deposited with them, except said lists, to the clerk of said town. If the collector is his own successor, he shall complete the collection of the taxes as a part of the duties of his new term of office and not as a part of the duties of his former term of office.

The accounts receivable of the electric light department were examined and checked in detail. No ledger accounts of miscellaneous sales have been kept and no commitments of electric rates and miscellaneous sales were reported to the bookkeeper after the previous audit March, 1924. An analysis of the sales ledger was made and a proof of the cash receipts, charges, discounts, and outstanding accounts on December 31, 1924, as recorded, was obtained.

The accounts of the town clerk for dog and for hunting and fishing licenses in 1924 were examined, the payments to the state and the county treasurers being verified.

The sealer of weights and measures lives in Westfield, and his accounts were not examined.

The accounts of the library were verified, it being noted that fines and other amounts received are now being turned over to the town treasurer, as recommended in the report of the audit made last year. The treasurer has arranged to make a cash advance to the librarian to provide for the payment of items for which cash payment is required.

The securities and savings bank books representing the investments of the several trust funds were personally examined. The Dickinson School Fund securities were found in the custody of the chairman of the trustees; a part of the cemetery perpetual care funds were in the custody of the town treasurer, and the remainder were held by the chairman of the cemetery commissioners; the Sally Moore Library Fund was in the custody of the chairman of the library; and the Eddie Barden Charity Fund was in the custody of the town treasurer. During the progress of the audit all of the securities of the various funds were deposited with the town treasurer. Although collections of interest on real estate mortgages, comprising the investments of the Dickinson School Fund, have improved since the audit in 1924, payments are, in some cases, two and three years in arrears.

No charge for the care of lots against the income of cemetery perpetual care funds have been made for three years, the care having been charged to the town appropriation for cemeteries. Accordingly a transfer of \$134 was made from the cemetery fund to the surplus revenue account to cover the charges as reported by the cemetery commissioners. Attention was called to the fact that each fund should be charged annually for the actual expense of maintaining the lot for which the fund was left, and this amount withdrawn annually from the income of the fund.

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All moneys received by any town officer or department, except as otherwise provided by special acts and except fees provided for by statute, shall be paid by such officer or department upon their receipt into the town treasury. Any sums so paid into the town treasury shall not later be used by such officer or department without a specific appropriation thereof.

While engaged in making the audit I received hearty co-operation and assistance from the town officials with whom my work brought me in contact, and I desire, on the part of my assistant and myself, to express my appreciation for the courtesies extended.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON  
Chief Examiner of Accounts.









*Alice E. Steere*



ANNUAL REPORTS  
OF THE  
TREASURER, SELECTMEN, OVERSEERS OF THE  
POOR, ASSESSORS,  
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE  
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For the Year Ending December 31, 1925

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# RULES AND REGULATIONS

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## DOINGS OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING HELD MARCH 30, 1925

Article 1. Voted to elect a Moderator, three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, three Trustees of Dickinson School Fund, two Constables, one Tree Warden, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, three Trustees of the Cemetery, all for one year; one School Committee, one Assessor, one Trustee of Library, one Electric Light Commissioner, for three years.

Article 2. Voted to choose all other necessary officers for the coming year.

Article 3. Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Trustees of Public Library, Manager of the Electric Light Department.

Article 4. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$20.00 for the Moderator, for the ensuing year.

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Article 6. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$310.00 for the Treasurer's Department, for the ensuing year.

Article 7. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$450.00 for the Collector's Department, for the ensuing year.

Article 8. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$375.00 for the Assessors' Department, for the ensuing year.

Article 9. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the Town Clerk, for the ensuing year.

Article 10. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$11.00 for the Auditing department, for the ensuing year.

Article 11. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for Election and Registration, for the ensuing year.

Article 12. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$175.00, for the Town Hall, for the ensuing year.

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Article 14. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$75.00 for Law, for the ensuing year.

Article 15. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$175.00 for an adding machine.

Article 16. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Street Lighting, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 17. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1700.00 for the protection of Persons and Property, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 18. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for Health and Sanitation, for the year ending December 31, 1925.



Article 19. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$800.00 for the removal of snow, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 20. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 for General Highway purposes, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 21. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$100.00 for graveling the Sunnyside Ranch Road, beginning where they left off in 1924 and coming towards College Highway.

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Article 26. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the laying of dust on Depot Street.

Article 27. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$800.00 to buy a truck to be used by the Highway department.

Article 28. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for Charity, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 29. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for "State Aid," for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 30. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$23,000.00 plus the accumulated income from the Dickinson School Fund, for Educational purposes, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 31. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to repair the Sidewalk from the Park to the Railroad Station.

Article 32. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$650.00 to improve the Cemeteries, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 33. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$375.00 plus the income from the Sally Moore Fund, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 34. Voted to appropriate from the receipts of the Electric Light Department \$2,200.00 for Bond Payment.

Article 35. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,485.39 from the receipts of the Electric Light Department for interest payments.

Article 36. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,260.60 from the receipt of the Electric Light Department for depreciation.

Article 37. Voted to appropriate the balance of the receipts from the Electric Light Department for operation and maintenance.

Article 38. Voted to transfer the Depreciation Fund to the Construction Fund in the Electric Light Department.

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Article 43. Voted to appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, to be known as the "Reserve Fund."

Article 44. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of revenue for the financial year ending December 31, 1925, and to issue a note or notes, therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from taxes of said municipal year.

Article 45. Voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money on and after January 1, 1926, in anticipation of revenue for the financial year of 1926, and to issue a note or notes, therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year.

Article 46. Voted that the War Bonus Surplus of \$741.14 be used as part payment for a monument for the Soldiers, and the sum to be put in the Bank to draw interest, until such times as the Town shall be ready to use the same. The Moderator to appoint a committee of three (3) to look into this matter of a Soldiers' Monument, and report at some future meeting.

Article 47. Motion of recommendation of By-laws Committee stand before the house as a motion, section by section, motion accepted.

Article 48. Voted to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the financial year ending December 31, 1925.

Article 49. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint all minor officers.

Voted to close the Polls at 3 o'clock P. M.

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#### DOINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD JULY 23, 1925

Article 1. Voted to appropriate and raise \$4,000.00 (\$2,000.00 to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Fund) for repairing the Loomis Street Bridge, near the Bert Loomis Farm.

Article 2. Voted that the Town authorize the Trustees of Cemetery the right to use money paid into the Treasury for special care of Cemetery Lots.

Article 3. Voted to accept Section 3, Chapter 143, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A section pertaining to the constructing of buildings.

Article 4. Voted to accept Article 6, Section 1, of the proposed By-laws recommended at the last Annual Meeting, as follows: No building shall be erected within the village limits except as a permit is issued by the Selectmen, (Village limits shall be defined as an area included within a radius of one-half mile from the intersection of the College Highway and Depot Street).

Polls closed about 8:30 o'clock P. M.

DOINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD  
NOVEMBER 27, 1925

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Yes, 8; No, 5.

Article 2. Voted to discontinue such portions of the following described highway, not included in the State Survey. College Highway, Station 131 to 138:—Station 180 to 194:—Station 199 to 203:—Station 305 to 314.

Polls closed at 8:45 o'clock P. M.

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DOINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING HELD  
DECEMBER 9, 1925

Article 1. Voted to pass over.

Article 2. Voted to purchase a Mead-Morrison Tractor.

Yes, 48; No, 24.

Article 3. Voted to appropriate \$5,050.00 for a Mead-Morrison 55, that \$550.00 be appropriated from the unexpended balance of the Charity Department of this year, and that the remainder be raised by a series of notes extending over a period of 5 years.

Yes, 49; No, 17.

Polls closed at 9 o'clock P. M.

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A True Copy Attest.

JENNIE L. MC AULIFFE,

Town Clerk.

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE  
YEAR 1925

RECEIPTS

Cash balance, January 1, 1925:

General	\$12,080.40	
Electric Light Department	2,984.99	\$15,065.39

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GENERAL REVENUE

Taxes:

Current year:

Poll	\$ 768.00
Personal	3,947.83
Real Estate	20,438.06

Previous years:

Poll	29.00
Personal	3,133.73
Real Estate	13,033.13



**From the Commonwealth:**

Corporations, Income, etc.	8,698.65	
Auto Dealers' Licenses	5.00	
Garage Licenses	1.00	
Vendors' Licenses from Commonwealth	12.00	
Gasoline Permits	1.50	
Court Fines	671.60	50,739.50

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**GRANTS AND GIFTS****From Commonwealth:**

Massachusetts School Fund	\$3,618.73
High School Tuition	1,518.49
School Superintendent	676.67
Aid to Highways	6,040.06
School Transportation	2,932.05
Inspection of Animals	50.00

**From County:**

Aid to Highways	2,000.00
Dog Licenses	305.70

**From Individuals:**

Library Memorial Window Fund	100.00
Library	.20

**All Other General Revenue:**

Soldiers' Exemption from State	11.75	\$17,253.65
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**RECEIPTS****COMMERCIAL REVENUE**

Highways laying dust	\$38.70
Collector's Fees	99.95
Town Hall Rent	26.00
Fire Department	28.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	28.38
Use of Tractor	675.75
Use of Truck	821.25
Soldiers' Relief	120.00
School Tuition	45.00
Schools Miscellaneous	27.20
Library Fines	20.36
Electric Light Rates	13,584.55
Electric Light Miscellaneous	355.13
Sale of Materials	46.75
Guarantee Deposits	60.00
Sale Cemetery Lots	37.50
Care of Cemetery Lots	96.75
Interest on Deposit	211.81
Interest on Deferred Taxes	1,149.55

Income Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	58.00	
Income Sally Moon Library Fund	568.66	
Income Dickinson School Fund	1,875.23	19,974.52

Municipal Indebtedness:		
Revenue Loans	35,000.00	35,000.00

Agency Trust and Investment:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	200.00	200.00

Refunds:

Adding Machine	3.50	
Snow and Ice	2.50	
Highways	.10	
Schools	53.22	
Compensation Insurance	79.86	
School Buildings Insurance	41.33	
Tractor Account	10.15	
Truck Account	5.73	
Library Cash Advance	5.00	
Selectmen	5.00	
Fire	20.00	
Charity	25.00	251.39

Total		<u>\$138,484.45</u>
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## PAYMENTS

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Legislative Department:		
Moderator's Salary		\$20.00

Selectmen:		
Salaries	550.00	
Clerk	290.00	
Other Expenses:		
Printing, Stationery, etc.	28.70	
Carfares, Teams, etc.	20.00	
Telephone,	2.40	
All other	33.45	924.55

Auditing Department:		
Adding Machine	175.00	175.00

Treasury Department:		
Salary	300.00	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	7.61	
Other Expense	6.45	314.06

Collector's Department:			
Salary	300.00		
Fees		96.20	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	89.01		
Other Expense	14.15	499.36	
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Assessors' Department:			
Salaries	343.00		
Clerk	7.45		
Printing, Stationery, etc.	19.30		
Other Expense	5.25	375.00	
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Other Finance Accounts:			
Certifying Notes	8.00	8.00	
Law Department:			
Salaries and Wages	31.00	31.00	
Town Clerk's Department:			
Salaries and Wages	150.00		
Recording Fees	53.00		
Printing Stationery, etc.	31.03		
Permit Fees, etc.	.75		
Other Expense	15.13	249.91	
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Election and Registration:			
Election Officers	20.00		
Printing, Stationery, etc.	22.70		
All other	9.08	51.78	
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Town Hall:			
Fuel and Light	63.80		
Janitor's Supplies	.36		
Repairs	20.62		
Equipment	66.60		
All other	.90	152.28	
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Administration of Trust Funds	92.00	92.00	\$2,892.94

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department:			
Salaries and Wages	\$491.97		
Equipment	6.00		
All other	18.00	515.97	
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Fire Department:

Salaries and Wages	394.16		
Issuing Permits	51.45		
Transportation	1.00		
Apparatus	114.25		
Supplies	13.94		
Rent	150.00		
Printing, Stationery, etc.,	1.11		
Telephone	1.75		
All other	.72	728.38	

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary	100.00		
Equipment	8.78	108.78	

Forestry Department:

Gypsy Moth Extermination:

Salaries and Wages	262.24		
All other	3.20	265.44	

Planting Trees:

Salaries and Wages	16.16	16.16	
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Removal of Trees:

Salaries and Wages	131.00	131.00	\$1,765.73
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## HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health Department:

Tuberculosis

County Hospital	\$236.91		
Animal Inspection	100.00		
Meat and Provisions	300.00	636.91	\$636.91

## HIGHWAYS

General Highways and Railways:

General Administration:

Expenses	\$9.00	9.00	
Salaries and Wages	4,570.14		
Teams	2,283.10		
Stone, Gravel, etc.	1,129.32		
Equipment and Repairs	742.00		
All other	16.44	8,741.00	

# Bridges:

Salaries and Wages	27.14	
Lumber	27.76	
All other	4.55	59.45

# Sidewalks:

Salaries and Wages	18.25	
Teams	3.75	
Materials	2.58	24.58

# Snow and Ice Removal:

Salaries and Wages	331.07	
Teams	476.80	
All other	17.23	825.10

# Tractor Account:

## Repairs:

Labor	246.47	
Parts	222.99	
Supplies	220.92	
Equipment	87.30	
All other	23.14	800.82

# Truck Account:

Labor	\$9.62	
Supplies	225.61	
Equipment	817.85	\$1,053.08
Laying Dust	221.15	221.15
Railings	204.09	204.09
Street Signs	15.57	15.57
Street Lighting:		
Contract	2,000.00	2,000.00
All other	99.91	99.91

# Loomis Street Bridge:

Advertising for Bids	34.12	
Contract	2,621.40	2,655.52

# South Longyard Road:

Salaries and Wages	315.36	
Truck, Tractor and Teams	153.00	
Stone Gravel, etc.	31.74	500.10



**Congamond Road:**

Salaries and Wages	3,054.56		
Truck, Tractor and Teams	2,333.75		
Stone, Gravel, etc.	295.80		
Equipment and Repairs	315.35		
All other	.54	6,000.00	\$23,209.37

**CHARITIES****Poor Department:**

Board and Care	\$198.00		
Medicine and Medical Attendance	69.00		
All other	103.15	370.15	

**Soldiers' Benefits:**

State Aid	120.00	120.00	\$490.15
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**EDUCATION****Schools:****General Expense:**

Salary, School Committee	\$200.00		
Salary, Superintendent	875.00		
Truant Officer	11.00		
Printing, Stationery, etc.	7.16		
Telephone	16.70		
Traveling Expenses	154.33		
School Census	25.00		
Express	11.60		
All other	10.65	1,311.44	

**Teachers' Salaries:**

Elementary	14,510.00		
Special	446.75	14,956.75	

**Text Books and Supplies:**

Text Books	495.32		
Supplies	282.75		
All other	32.72	810.79	

**Tuition:**

High	3,226.73		
Elementary and Vocational	34.00	3,260.73	
Janitor's Supplies	51.63		
Transportation	3,110.79		

Janitor's Services	45.00		
Fuel	610.70		
Equipment	15.10		
Repairs	208.61		
Diplomas and Graduation Expense	7.60		
Incidentals	36.19		
School Physician and Nurse	400.00		
Cards	26.72		
All other	54.57	4,515.28	\$24,906.62

#### LIBRARY

Salary, Librarian		\$150.00	
Janitor's Services	75.00		
Books	139.12		
Periodicals	67.20		
Fuel	24.00		
Light	31.61		
Repairs	195.48		
Care of Grounds	12.95		
Stationery and Postage	.05		
Express	9.56		
Cash Advance	5.00		
All other	5.87	715.84	\$715.84

#### RECREATION

July 4th Celebration	\$148.70	148.70	\$148.70
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#### UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day	\$91.53		
Printing Town By-laws	30.00		
Town Reports	152.05		
Rent of Adding Machine	10.00		
Petition to County Commissioners	6.00		
Insurance	636.17		
Town Census	75.00		
All other	80.32	1,081.07	\$1,081.07

#### ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Operation	\$5,185.07		
Construction	1,701.65		
Guarantee Deposits	15.00	6,901.72	6,901.72

## CEMETERIES AND PERPETUAL CARE

Labor	\$547.02		
Teams	4.50		
Supplies	129.95		
All other	74.00		
Perpetual Care	19.00	774.47	774.47
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County Aid to Agriculture	150.00	150.00	150.00

## INTEREST

Revenue Loans	\$1,221.25		
General Loans	19.25		
Public Service Loans	1,864.61	3,105.11	3,105.11
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## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

Revenue Loans	\$28,000.00		
General Loans	700.00		
Public Service Enterprises	2,200.00	30,900.00	30,900.00
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## AGENCY TRUST AND INVESTMENT

State Tax	\$3,600.00		
State Audit	299.84		
Penalty—Delayed Returns	3.00		
State Highway Tax	609.40		
Municipal Lighting Plant Tax	4.68		
County Tax	2,756.75		
Surplus War Bonus Fund	741.14		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	200.00	8,214.81	8,214.81
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## REFUNDS

Electric Light Department:			
Over-payment to Treasurer	\$6.25		
Rates 1924	75.55		
Interest on taxes	.30		
Taxes 1923 (Paid twice)	5.00	87.10	87.10
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Total Payments			105,980.54
Cash December 31, 1925			32,503.91
			\$138,484.45

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. BARNES,  
GEORGE W. PHELPS,  
KENNETH E. GILLET,  
Selectmen.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand January 1, 1925	\$15,065.39
Receipts of 1925	123,319.06
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Selectmen's Warrants	\$138,384.45
Cash on hand January 1, 1926	105,880.54
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	32,503.91
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	\$138,384.45

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. TREWORGY,  
Town Treasurer.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT TAXES OF 1922

Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$83.84
Paid to Treasurer	\$41.01	
Abatements	42.83	83.84
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## TAXES OF 1923

Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$8,231.38
Poll Tax paid twice		5.00
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		\$8,236.38
Paid to Treasurer	\$7,402.07	
Abatements	834.31	\$8,236.38
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## TAXES OF 1924

Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$14,733.41
Paid to Treasurer	\$8,729.54	
Abatements	32.31	8,761.85
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Outstanding January 1, 1926		\$5,971.56

## TAXES OF 1925

Warrants	\$41,397.45	
Deficiency of warrants	10.61	\$41,408.06
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Paid to Treasurer	25,153.89	
Abatements	69.00	25,222.89
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Outstanding January 1, 1926		\$16,185.17

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE H. TREWORGY,  
Tax Collector.

TOWN OF SOUTHWICK  
BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 1925

ASSETS

Cash:	
General	\$26,514.37
Electric Light Department	5,989.54
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Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1924	5,971.56
Levy of 1925	16,185.17
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Departmental:	
State Aid—Loomis St. Bridge	709.94
Electric Light and Power	906.27
Electric Miscellaneous	63.22
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Loans Authorized	
Overdrawn Accounts:	
Electric Light Construction	448.87
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	1,679.43
	4,500.00

Net Funded or Fixed Debt

Trust and Investment Funds:  
Cash and Securities

LIABILITIES

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Temporary Loans:	
In Anticipation of Revenue	\$30,000.00
Cemetery Fund Income	64.28
Unexpended Balances:	
Highway Tractor Account	222.62
Highway Truck Account	573.90
Loomis Street Bridge	2,344.48
Memorial Window—Library	100.00
Electric Light Operation	6,308.02
Electric Light Interest	85.39
Snow Equipment	5,050.00
Overlay, Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:	
Levy of 1924	903.97
Levy of 1925	545.62
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	1,449.59
	906.64
	969.49
	45.00
	13,169.53
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	\$61,288.94

Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus  
Electric Light Revenue  
Electric Light Deposits  
Surplus Revenue

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Electric Light Loan

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Eddie Barden Private Charity Fund  
Dickinson School Fund  
Sally Moore Library Fund  
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund  
Surplus War Bonus Fund

\$23,480.04

\$23,480.04

# DEPARTMENT APPROPRIATIONS, ADDITIONS, TRANSFERS, EXPENDITURES, BALANCES

	Appropriations	Refunds and Additions	Transfers To	Transfers From	Available For Use	Expended	Balance
Moderator	20.00				20.00	20.00	
Selectmen	975.00	5.00			980.00	924.55	55.45
Auditor	11.00				11.00		11.00
Treasurer	310.00		4.06		314.06	314.06	
Collector	450.00				450.00	411.66	38.34
Assessors	375.00				375.00	375.00	
Other Finance Accounts	10.00				10.00	8.00	2.00
Town Clerk	250.00				250.00	249.91	.09
Law	75.00				75.00	31.00	44.00
Election and Registration	75.00				75.00	23.22	22.72
Town Hall	175.00				175.00	152.28	
Adm. of Trust Funds	100.00				100.00	92.00	8.00
Adding Machine	175.00	3.50			178.50	175.00	3.50
Protection, Persons and Property	1,700.00			1,746.83			
Police			46.83		515.97	515.97	
Fire			515.97		708.38	708.38	
Forestry			708.38		412.60	412.60	
Sealer			412.60		108.78	108.78	
Road Signs			108.78		1.10	1.10	
Health	800.00		1.10		800.00	636.91	163.09
General Highways	5,000.00	3,750.00			8,750.00	8,750.00	
Congamond Road	2,000.00	4,000.00			6,000.00	6,000.00	
Loomis St. Bridge	4,000.00	1,000.00			5,000.00	2,655.52	2,344.48
Laying Dust	200.00	38.70			238.70	221.15	17.55
So. Longyard Rd.	500.00	.10			500.10	500.10	
Sunnyside Ranch Rd.	100.00				100.00	99.91	.09
Bridges	150.00				150.00	59.45	90.55
Railings	150.00		54.09		204.09	204.09	
Sidewalks	25.00				25.00	24.58	.42
Snow Removal	800.00	2.50	22.60		825.10	825.10	



		337.54 bal.			
Tractor Account		685.90		1,023.44	800.82
Truck Account		826.98		1,626.98	1,053.08
Street Lighting	800.00			2,000.00	2,000.00
Charities	2,000.00			1,000.00	370.15
State Aid	1,000.00			150.00	120.00
Schools	23,000.00	1,960.65		24,960.65	30.00
Library	375.00	568.86		943.86*	54.02
Memorial Window		100.00		100.00	100.00
Recreation	150.00			150.00	148.70
Unclassified	1,100.00			1,100.00	1.30
County Aid Agriculture	150.00			150.00	1,095.54
Reserve Fund	1,500.00			150.00	150.00
Cemetery	650.00	192.25	168.08	1,331.92	1,331.92
Interest	1,200.00			842.25	86.78
Maturing Debt.	700.00	40.50		1,240.50	1,240.50
				700.00	700.00
	\$51,201.00	\$13,471.98	\$1,914.91	\$1,914.91	\$58,813.62
					\$5,859.36

\* Including Overdraft 1924, \$233.02.

# ELECTRIC LIGHT REPORT

Financial Report of the Electric Light Department.

December 31st, 1925.

## FIXED ASSETS

### Electric Plant:

Lines	\$28,324.39	
Meters	2,574.83	
Transformers	4,117.59	
Street Lights	2,437.49	
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## FLOATING ASSETS

### Bills Receivable:

Commercial Lighting	\$900.27	
Power	6.00	
Miscellaneous Bills	63.22	
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## CASH

Operation Fund	\$5,975.72	
Construction Fund	45.70	
Deposit Accounts	45.00	
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\$44,490.21

## FIXED LIABILITIES

Bonds	\$26,200.00
Loans, repayment account	11,300.00
Interest accrued but not due	351.25

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\$37,851.25

Profit and Loss (Surplus)	6,638.96
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\$44,490.21

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## OPERATING ACCOUNT

### INCOME

Commercial Lighting	\$9,720.79	
Municipal Lighting, metered	96.41	
Power	598.94	
Street Lights	2,000.00	
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### EXPENSES

Current Purchased (95,700 K. W. H.)	\$2,871.00
General Salaries	1,200.00

Office Supplies	104.54	
Repairs Lines	454.69	
Repairs, Street Lights	84.23	
Renewals of Street Lights	69.19	
Miscellaneous Expense	19.70	
Setting and Removing Meters	40.48	
Repairs Transformers	12.75	
Transportation Expense	300.00	
Repairs Meters	73.13	
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Balance to Profit and Loss		\$7,186.43

#### PROFIT AND LOSS

Balance January 1st, 1925		\$4,675.69
Balance January 1st, Misc. bills		148.03
Balance of Operating Account		7,186.43
Interest, Coupons Account	464.61	
Rebate on Rates	75.55	
Bonds paid	2,200.00	
Interest paid on Bonds	1,019.58	
Interest accrued on Bonds	351.25	
Depreciation, 3% cost of plant	1,260.20	
Balance, Credit	6,638.96	
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	\$12,010.15	\$12,010.15

Respectfully submitted,  
**RAYMOND M. FLETCHER,**  
Manager.

#### EXPENDITURES ON ROADS IN TOWN OF SOUTHWICK CHAPTER 81—1925

1	Main Street .....	\$ 00.00
2	South Longyard Road .....	481.80
3	Powder Mill Road .....	118.20
4	Laro Road .....	26.64
5	Point Grove Road .....	535.34
6	Feeding Hills Road .....	538.67
7	Foster Road .....	194.37
8	Sheep Pasture Road .....	427.65
9	Congamond Road .....	353.18
10	Sodom Mt. Road .....	9.41
11	Loomis Street .....	663.91
12	Klaus Anderson Road .....	288.54

13	Coes Hill Road .....	230.95
14	Hillside Road .....	262.36
15	Mort Vining Road .....	84.26
16	Nickerson Hill .....	9.94
17	Lincoln Road .....	00.00
18	Ed. Holcomb Road .....	00.00
19	Vining Hill Road .....	341.13
20	Davis Road .....	77.98
21	Curtis Road .....	13.21
22	Fred Jackson Road .....	78.86
23	John Mason Road .....	24.13
24	Granville Road .....	1,969.18
25	Reservoir Road .....	20.16
26	Hastings Road .....	97.86
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		\$6,847.73

EXPENDITURES ON ROADS IN SOUTHWICK .....  
CHAPTER 81—1925

	Brought Forward .....	\$6,847.73
27	Chas. Johnson Road .....	37.91
28	Depot Street .....	193.01
29	Will Palmer Road .....	28.80
30	Honey Pot Road .....	.50
31	Tannery Road .....	126.53
32	Sunnyside Ranch Road .....	85.21
33	Sam West Road .....	35.93
34	North Longyard Road .....	290.27
35	Geo. Loomis Road .....	74.44
36	Cline Road .....	62.87
37	Bugbee Road .....	8.42
38	Rising Corners .....	00.00
	General Work .....	14.12
39	New Granville Road .....	328.45
	Machinery and Tools .....	240.79
	Culverts .....	375.02
TOTAL EXPENDED .....		\$8,750.00
Allotments:		
	State .....	\$3,750.00
	Town .....	5,000.00
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		\$8,750.00

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE TOWN CLERK  
1925

Birth records	29
Deposition of Births	5
Death records	26

Marriage records	8
Marriage licenses	8
Mortgages recorded	10
Other instruments recorded	11
Inn Holders' licenses	1
Common Victuallers' licenses	14
Dance Hall licenses	4
Launch licenses	1
Dog licenses	174
Hunting, Fishing and Trappers' licenses issued during the year 1925	637

JENNIE L. McAULIFFE,  
Town Clerk.

### TOWN OF SOUTHWICK, MASSACHUSETTS REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

January 1, 1925 to January 1, 1926

Number of books in library, January 1, 1925	4,187
Number of books in library, January 1, 1926	4,360
Number of books given by State	38
Number of books received from other sources	4
Number of books purchased	70
Number of books not previously catalogued	61
Circulation of books	4,108
Circulation of books in schools	257
Circulation of magazines	1,872
Twelve sets of pictures have been exhibited.	

MUSETTA A. PHELPS, Librarian.

Sally Moore Fund	\$3,462.00
Accumulated Interest	650.63
Total	\$4,112.63

MARY E. STONE,  
Chairman of Trustees.

### REPORT OF TRUSTEES DICKINSON SCHOOL FUND

Amount January 1, 1925:

Real Estate Mortgages	15,400.00
Woronoco Savings Bank	1,182.50
Cash 1st National Bank	16.43
	16,598.93

Interest Received	894.43
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Total	\$17,493.36
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Turned over to Town for Schools		\$1,875.23
Amount on hand December 31, 1925:		
Real Estate Mortgages	15,400.00	
Woronoco Savings Bank	218.13	
		\$15,618.13
Total		\$17,493.36

COOLEY A. GRIFFIN, Chairman.

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee of the Town of Southwick:

I herewith submit this school report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

School attendance during the Fall Term was distributed as follows:

Elementary Grades	323
High School	32

Tabulation for each Elementary School is given later in this report.

High School pupils attended the following schools:

Westfield High—22 conveyed by School Bus.

Westfield High—4 conveyed individually.

Springfield Technical High—1

Springfield Central High—1

Springfield Commercial High—1

Springfield Junior High—1

Springfield Vocational Trade—1

Agawam High—1

The present High School provision seems to be very satisfactory. The Bus gives economical and convenient transportation for a majority of our pupils to Westfield, while others are provided for individually and in some cases receive specialized work not available in most towns of this size.

The fact that the 323 children attending our Elementary grades in town are scattered in 13 different schools is a handicap to their education. The former policy of encouraging pupils in the upper grades to attend the Central School helps the matter some. This



school is now overcrowded, thus making it impossible to accommodate more.

An attempt has been made this year to group classes uniformly in some subjects as follows: Geography is given in Grades 5-9 during the first half of the year. History will be given the last half of the year. Grades 5-6 form one group and Grades 7-8-9 another group in these subjects. Some work has been done in grouping pupils in Reading and English. By this grouping the number of classes per teacher is somewhat reduced. This allows more time for class work in each subject and increases the interest by larger groups working together.

The Stanford Achievement Tests have been given in all our schools this Fall. These tests show how the accomplishment of our different grades compares with the work done in the same grades in other places. They also show our children are properly graded and their individual success in handling their various subjects. Parents are urged to study the tests of their children, confer with the teacher and cooperate in securing better results.

Reading is found to present the greatest problem to most of our children. An effort will be made to secure special improvement in this subject. Better reading will naturally improve work in most other subjects.

All children were vaccinated on entering school this Fall unless they showed a certificate from a physician excusing them for special reason. It is hoped that this legal requirement will be watched carefully in the future.

The children of each school wrote special invitations to parents and friends asking them to visit school during Education Week. Many responded to these invitations. Frequent visits and close cooperation between home and school bring better understanding and greater accomplishments.

## BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT

Probably little needs to be said on this subject. You are well aware of present inadequate conditions and the town has expressed its purpose to give the matter early attention. Action should not be long delayed. The expense of waiting is costly and future improvements will not make good the loss to children now in school.

All school rooms are poorly lighted, uncomfortably heated and badly ventilated. The whole school equipment was built for conditions of long ago and does not truly represent the ideals and progress of the people of Southwick.

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

During the past year several additions have been made to the supply of books. New Arithmetics, Spelling Books and some new Readers have been purchased. We should substantially increase our reading material during the coming year, also procure new Histories and new text-books in English. This will call for a considerable outlay which I hope will be provided for in the annual budget.

Economy would result if a suitable place could be obtained in which to store books and supplies held for current use. Supplies deteriorate rapidly in the present room, which is very damp. There is no place where books can be kept except in the school rooms. This makes them inconvenient for distribution and not readily available when needed.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Reorganization of Course of Study with gradual elimination of the 9th Grade.
2. Special expenditure in purchase of new books.
3. Jackets for all stoves as temporary help in heating.
4. Every effort should be made to procure the new centralized school at the earliest possible date consistent with sound business policy.

Allow me to express my appreciation of the interest and zeal of each member of the School Committee. Your co-operation has been invaluable and your continued efforts will contribute definitely to the progress of our schools.

Respectfully,

C. H. PRATT.

The following report is submitted by the School Nurse for the year closing December 31, 1925:

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## PROGRAM OF SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE FOR SOUTHWICK

Assisting the school physician with yearly examinations.

Follow-up work of corrections recommended by physician. This consists of home visits to be sure the parents understand, and in some cases helping to make a plan for corrections.

Observation of nutrition and growth of children. Weighing 3 or 4 times during school year.

Helping organize and carry on the yearly chest clinic for the thorough examination of those children who are 10 percent or more underweight or who for other reasons seem to need such an examination. Follow-up work incidental to recommendations of clinic physicians.

Inspection of children for pediculi and other things which would make their attendance at school inadvisable.

Talks to the children on health and personal hygiene.

Recording weights, physical examinations, etc., on State Physical Record Cards which are kept for each child and designed to go through the child's school life.

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#### SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE FOR TOWN OF SOUTHWICK.

January 1925-1926.

No. of days at schools		21
No. of children weighed		277
No. of weighings		3
No. of children 10% underweight		23
No. of inspections		4
No. of health talks		4
No. of home visits		14
No. of children vaccinated in August	52	
No. of children vaccinated in September	36	
No. of children re-vaccinated in September	13	
	—	101
No. of children attending chest clinic in October		24
No. of children classified as quiescent cases	5	
No. of children classified as suspicious	6	
No. of children classified as negative	13	
No. of Von Pirquet skin tests given		6
	Positive	2
	Negative	4
No. of physical corrections recommended by clinic physicians		11

LUELLA I. YOUNG,

School Nurse.

ITEMIZED REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE, 1925.

School	Teacher	Enrollment		Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Number of Tardy Marks
		Boys	Girls				
Mildred Arnold	Congamond	23	13	15.8	15.5	96.4	38
Lydia H. Gibbs	Hillside	22	10	20.7	18.7	90.1	81
Ella A. Fuller	Loomis Street	28	15	23.3	21.5	92.2	49
Leota E. Burgum	Mooretown	15	4	11	10.9	91.9	5
Fannie E. Hosmer	No. Longyard	17	8	9	14.7	94.5	18
Dorothy S. Graves	Pleasant Street	23	12	11	22.3	89	11
Musetta A. Phelps	Point Grove	39	16	23	27.5	88.4	141
Evelyn C. Stiles	Root District	22	8	14	14.8	85	57
Gertrude L. Malboeuf	So. Longyard	10	5	5	8.8	91.6	31
Christina M. Rose	Village, 5-6	28	17	11	23.6	91	33
Dagna F. Mason	Village, 7-8-9	35	15	20	29.8	92.8	41
Mary I. Madeiros	Village, 1-2-3-4	33	16	17	28.5	94	23
Carrie D. Hancock	Vnling Hill	13	7	6	13.3	95.1	13
Total		308	143	165	272.1	247.8	91
							541

# PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THE YEAR

Congamond School:

Grade 3—Clelia Meraviglia

Village:

Grade 2—Rita Malone

Grade 5—Nora Battistoni

Grade 6—Mary Jackson

Grade 6—John Mason

Grade 8—Joseph Jackson

## MEMBERSHIP FOR THE FALL OF 1925

Schools	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Total
Congamond	7	3	4	4	6					24
Hillside	1	4	5	1	3	2	2	2		20
Loomis Street	5	7	1	5	3	3	2			26
Mooretown	6	2	2		1	3	2	1	1	18
No. Longyard	5	4	1	5	3	6	9			33
Pleasant Street	6	5	5	4	4	3				27
Point Grove	7	4	7	4	5					27
Root District	3	2	2	5	2	4				18
So. Longyard	3	2	2	1	3	5	3	1	1	21
Village, Grades 1-4	9	8	7	8						32
Village, Grades 5-6					6	18				24
Village, Grades 7-9							15	8	17	40
Vining Hill	2	3	2	2		3		1		13
Total	54	44	38	39	36	47	33	13	19	323

## CALENDAR

Winter Term—Jan. 4, 1926-Feb. 26—Eight weeks.

Vacation, 1 week. Holiday, Washington Birthday, Feb. 22.

Spring Term—March 8-April 30—Eight weeks.

Vacation, 1 week. Holiday, Patriots' Day, April 19.

May 10-June 18—Six weeks.

Holiday, Memorial Day, May 30.

Fall Term—Sept. 7-Dec. 17—Fifteen weeks.

Vacation, 2 weeks. Holiday, 1 day for Eastern Exposition,

Columbus Day, Oct. 12; Teachers' Convention, Nov. 5;

Thanksgiving recess, Wednesday noon to Monday, Nov. 29.

Winter Term—Jan. 3, 1927.

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To the Citizens of Souhtwick:

At the annual meeting of the Superintendency Union, held in April, the resignation of Superintendent Sanderson was received and accepted. At an adjourned meeting of the joint committee, Mr. Charles H. Pratt, of Gray, Maine, was unanimously elected to the position, and assumed his duties August 15.

A comprehensive report of his work and recommendations will be found on another page of this annual report.

We endorse his policies and estimates of necessary funds.

Three changes in our teaching force were necessitated by resignations, the vacancies were filled by Miss Aroxie Bedrossian at Root District, Miss Agnes L. Cutler at the Center, and Miss Helen J. Phelps at Loomis Street, all of whom are graduates of Westfield Normal School. Miss Cutler, four years' experience.

At the beginning of the present school year the state's requirements concerning vaccination were enforced with the general and prompt co-operation of parents.

The school calendar has been changed to correspond with that of Westfield. This was done as a measure of efficiency and economy in the operation of our school bus.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES M. ARNOLD,

ELIZA B. VINING,

HERBERT L. MILLER.



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF SOUTHWICK CEMETERY

The perpetual funds for care of lots are:

The Rueben Stevens	\$200.00
Sardis Gillett fund	200.00
Beeman Palmer fund	150.00
Frank W. Noble fund	100.00
C. E. Kent fund	100.00
Elisha Parker fund	50.00
David Boyington fund	200.00
Luman Palmer fund	100.00
Albert F. Webb fund	200.00
Samuel Fowler fund	100.00
Elizabeth Galpin fund	100.00
Emerson C. Dibble fund	100.00
Stephen Nash fund	100.00
Joseph W. Rockwell	100.00
Minnie G. Spring fund	100.00
Horace N. Birge fund	200.00
Ralph W. Mason fund	200.00
Charles J. Root fund	100.00
William Stevens fund	100.00

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. MILLER,

A. R. WEBB,

C. M. ARNOLD

Trustees.

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### ASSESSORS' REPORT

Valuation of Real Estate, April 1	\$1,500,235
Valuation of Personal Estate, April 1	259,419
Valuation of Real Estate, December 10	66.70
Number of cows assessed	866
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed	189
Number of swine assessed	39
Number of fowls assessed	5295
Number of horses assessed	269
Amount of Appropriations	\$48,501.00
Amount of State Tax	\$3,600.00
Amount of State Highway Tax	\$609.40
Auditing Accounts	\$299.84
Municipal Lighting Plant	4.68
Amount of County Tax	\$2,756.75

Number of Polls Assessed	386
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00	\$23.00
Number of acres of land assessed	18,836 39-40
Number of dwellings assessed	460
Overlays	\$614.62
Amount raised by taxation, April assessment	\$40,472.04
Amount raised by taxation, December assessment	\$153.41
Amount of estimated revenue	\$16,330.10
Amount raised on Real Estate	\$34,658.81
Amount raised on Personal Estate	\$5,966.64
Amount raised on Polls	\$772.00

GEORGE W. PHELPS,

JOHN F. MALONE,

CARL A. ANDERSON.

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING  
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1926:

Moderator	\$20.00
Selectmen	975.00
Treasurer	350.00
Collector	400.00
Assessors	400.00
Town Clerk	250.00
Auditing	11.00
Election and Registration	100.00
Town Hall	250.00
Certifying Town Notes	20.00
Law	75.00
Street Lighting	2,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	1,700.00
Health and Sanitation	800.00
Snow Removal	1,500.00
General Highway	6,250.00
Bridges and Railings	300.00
County Aid to Agriculture	150.00
Laying Dust on Depot Street	200.00
Charity	500.00
State Aid	150.00
Education	25,500.00

(In addition to the income from the Dickinson School Fund.)

Sidewalks	25.00
Cemeteries	500.00
(In addition to money received from other sources.)	
Library Purposes	375.00
(In addition to income from invested funds.)	
Unclassified	1,100.00
Recreation	150.00
Administration of Trust Funds	50.00
Interest	1,500.00
Reserve Fund	1,500.00
Congamond Road	2,000.00

The committee recommends that \$5,000.00 of the appropriations be taken from the reserve fund.

C. M. ARNOLD,

H. L. MILLER,

A. R. WEBB,

ERNEST G. HOLLISTER,

A. F. JOHNSON.

# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss.

To either of the constables in the town of Southwick.  
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Southwick qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the hall in the Grammar School Building in said Southwick, on Monday the first day of March at 9 o'clock A. M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator, three Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, one Town Clerk, one Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, three Trustees of the Dickinson School Fund, two Constables, one Tree Warden, one Auditor, three Fence Viewers, three Trustees of the Cemetery, all for one year. One School Committee, one Assessor, one Trustee of Library, one Electric Light Commissioner, for there years.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint minor officers.

Art. 3. To hear the report of the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, Assessors, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, School Committee, Trustees of Public Library, Manager of the Electric Light Department and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for Moderator, for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for Selectmen's Department for the ensuing year. 975.

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the Treasury Department for the ensuing year. 350.

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the Collector's Department for the ensuing year. 400.

Art. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the Assessor's Department for the ensuing year. 400.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for Town Clerk for the ensuing year. 250.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the Auditing Department for the ensuing year. 11.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for Election and Registration for the ensuing year.

100.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the Town Hall for the ensuing year.

250

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for certifying town notes for the ensuing year.

20

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for law for the ensuing year.

25

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$2,000 for street lighting for the year ending December 31, 1926.

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Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the protection of persons and property for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for health and sanitation for the year ending December 31, 1926.

800

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the removal of snow for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for general highway purposes for the year ending December 31, 1926.

6250

Art. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for bridges and railings for the ensuing year.

300

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150 to be expended by the Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture for the County of Hampden, in accordance with the provisions of sections 40 and 45, Chapter 128 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

150

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to apply material for the laying of dust on Depot Street and appropriate money for the same.

200

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for charity for the year ending December 31, 1926.

500

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for "State Aid" for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for Educational Purposes for the year ending December 31, 1926.

25500

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to repair the sidewalk from the park to the railroad station and appropriate money for the same.

c



Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to improve the cemeteries for the year ending December 31, 1926. 500

Art. 28. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for library purposes for the year ending December 31, 1926. 375

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the receipts of the Electric Light Department \$2,200 for Bond Payments. C

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the receipts of the Electric Light Department \$1,292.50 for interest payments. C

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the receipts of the Electric Light Department \$1,309.91 for depreciation. C

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the balance of the receipts from the Electric Light Department for operating and maintenance. C

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to transfer the Depreciation Fund to the Construction Fund in the Electric Light Department. O

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for "Unclassified" for the year ending December 31, 1926. 1100

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for "Recreation" for the ensuing year. 150

Art. 36. To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate for the Administration of Trust Funds for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money sufficient to pay interest on town notes for the year ending December 31, 1926.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures by a sum not exceeding 5 per cent. of the tax levy of the preceding year, to be known as the Reserve Fund.

Art. 39. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year ending December 31, 1926.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow on and after January 1, 1927, in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year of 1927.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to buy a safe for the Treasurer and Collector and provide money for the same. 400



Art. 42. To see if the town will appropriate \$2,000 to be used in extending permanent improvements on the road leading from Gillett's Corner easterly to the Connecticut Line, same to be used in conjunction with money furnished by the State and County.

2000

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to purchase a tractor for road work and appropriate money for the same.

2000

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to discontinue portions of highways extending from Feeding Hills to the College Highway and from the College Highway, Southwick Centre, to the Granville Road, as are not included in the new highway constructed by the State.

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Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to extend the electric light lines southerly on the Vining Hill Road from the residence of Enfred Anderson to the residence of Henry Griffin, and take the necessary action for financing its construction.

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Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the financial year ending December 31, 1926.

The polls may close at 3 P. M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies of the same in three public places, seven days at least before the date of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due returns of this warrant and your doings thereon to the clerk of said meeting. Given under our hands and seal at Southwick, this fifteenth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred twenty-six.

W. S. BARNES,

GEO. W. PHELPS,

KENNETH E. GILLETT,

Selectmen of Southwick.















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